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Sir:

The following Preliminary Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

AMENDMENTS

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the first paragraph of the abstract with the following new paragraph:

--The present invention relates to composite detergent particles prepared by dry-blending detergent additive particles (a) comprising 30 to 100% by weight of two or more kinds of water-soluble substances, the detergent additive particles having an average particle size of from 150 to 600 μ m, a bulk density of 300 to 1000 g/L, and wherein the detergent additive particles